

# OYAMA NEARLY READY

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## DEPLOYING FORCES

JAPS ENGAGE RUSSIANS AND DRIVE THEM BACK.

Russian Cavalry Attacks Japanese Field Hospital and is Driven Off by Artillery.

GUNSHU PASS, 608 miles north of the Pass, Manchuria, May 20.—A general engagement is imminent. Field Marshal Oyama is deploying heavy forces against Gen. Linévitch's left and is concentrating his troops along the center, but his base is opposite the Russian right. It is not yet clear which wing is making a demonstration and which will deliver the main blow. It is evident from Linévitch's preparations that he intends to accept a decisive battle.

### Russians Driven Back.

TOKYO, May 20, 7 p.m.—It was announced this evening from the headquarters of the Japanese armies in the field that three Russian columns of mixed forces advanced southward May 18 to the vicinity of the railroad. Simultaneously 500 Russian cavalry attacked a Japanese field hospital at Kangpin, on the right bank of the Liao river. Japanese artillery and infantry dispersed the attacking cavalrymen, inflicting heavy losses upon them.

### Confirmed in St. Petersburg.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 20.—The war office confirms the report from Gushu Pass that Field Marshal Oyama is on the eve of taking the general offensive, and no doubt is entertained here that Gen. Linévitch will accept battle in his present positions. The general staff believes Oyama's advance was precipitated by the doubt regarding the issue of the coming naval battle between Admirals Rojstvensky and Togo. With an unbeaten army in front of him, Oyama's position might be critical if his communications with Japan were interrupted even temporarily.

### Russian Attacks Repulsed.

Special Telegram to the Star.

TOKYO, May 20.—An official report issued by the war department tonight shows that the Russian reconnaissance on the morning of Thursday included simultaneous attacks upon all three of the Japanese columns advancing from Fukumen, Changtufu and Kalyuan. The most determined attack was made at Nanchingtsu, ten miles north of Kalyuan, where the Japanese were repulsed. The Russian losses were heaviest north of Fukumen, where the Japanese shell fire severely punished the attacking forces. The Japanese casualties were scattering and slight.

### REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Bouligny Rescript Commission Completes Labors.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 20.—The Bouligny rescript commission has practically completed its labors and the Associated Press is in a position to announce that it will recommend the establishment of a representative assembly with limited legislative powers. The project will be published at the end of May, after which it will be considered by appointed representatives of the various classes and the project will then go to the council of the empire for final action. The government has decided against the proposal to have elected representatives review the ground to be covered as the zemstvos and dumas are not sitting at this time of the year. It was held that to await the election of representatives simply to go over the project would involve too much delay.

A proposition for the erection of a legislative chamber on the Champs de Mars is already being considered. The Russian today violently attacks the creation of the new department for peasant affairs as being a bad sign and "simply a piece of bureaucratic machinery." The Catholics, Molokans, Stundists and all dissenting creeds throughout the empire are testifying their appreciation of the grant of religious freedom, and are holding thanksgiving services. The emperor has received many appreciative addresses from ecclesiastical bodies and individual churches.

### DEAD NEARLY A WEEK.

Woman Found in House at Franklinville, N. J.

WOODBURY, N. J., May 20.—Miss Margaret Bradley, aged fifty years, who lived alone in a small house at Franklinville, near here, was found dead late last night. She is supposed to have been dead for nearly a week, as nothing had been seen of her since last Sunday. The body was found by Frank Roth and James Downs. The sheriff and coroner were notified and the body was taken to Clayton, where an autopsy will be held to ascertain whether the woman was murdered or died a natural death.

### H. Clay Grubb Acquitted.

SALISBURY, N. C., May 20.—H. Clay Smith, who has been on trial here for the past ten days, charged with the killing of his brother-in-law, O. B. Davis, October 10, 1903, was acquitted today. Both were prominent citizens of Davidson county. Mrs. Grubb, the dead man's sister, remained loyal to her husband throughout the trial.

### Threatened Serbian Massacre.

VIENNA, May 20.—It is reported from Belgrade, Servia, that 2,000 Albanians have surrounded the town of Gulliane, Albania, and are threatening to massacre the Serbian population of that place. There are 800 Turkish troops at Gulliane and reinforcements are expected from Uskub.

### Hay in Fine Health.

BERLIN, May 20.—Ambassador Tower returned here today from Bad Nauheim. Secretary Hay, he says, is in fine general health and excellent spirits.

### Mrs. Livermore Semi-Conscious.

MELROSE, Mass., May 20.—The physician attending Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, the reformer and author, today said that the patient had a sinking spell during the night and since then had been in a semi-conscious condition. He said she was falling rapidly and that the end was likely to come at any time.

# PEACE TERMS FIXED

Tentatively Accepted by Teamsters' Joint Council.

## RATIFIED BY SHEA

NOW UP TO JOINT COUNCIL, WHICH MEETS TONIGHT.

Unless Plans Fail Most of Strikers Will Return to Work Next Monday Morning.

### What the Strike Cost.

Shrinkage in business, State street stores.....	\$2,500,000
Conductors.....	1,000,000
Railroads.....	1,000,000
Wholesale groceries and dry goods.....	1,200,000
Wages lost to strikers.....	200,000
Assessments on unions.....	100,000
Cost of 1,800 extra police and deputy sheriffs.....	125,000
Meals and food supplies.....	20,000
Cost to bring in 2,000 strikebreakers and maintain them.....	50,000
Hotels.....	25,000
Theaters.....	25,000
Total.....	\$7,405,000
Deaths from violence.....	10
Wounded—union, non-union and spectators.....	500

The teamsters' strike is nominally still on, but the official ending is expected tonight. The attorney of the employers' association said today:

"A union committee has accepted terms of peace, and this statement was confirmed by an official of the union. The joint council is to take final action tonight."

Committees representing the teamsters visited a number of the employers and made inquiries as to the reinstatement of old drivers. All will not be re-employed; no law-breaker will be given a position. There was no interference with deliveries to boycotted stores and no rioting.

### Little Time Lost.

Little time was consumed by the strike committee in Attorney Mayer's office in announcing their acceptance of the employers' terms in general. A long debate ensued, however, over the attitude assumed by the seven general agents of the railway express companies.

A transcript of the several propositions submitted last night to the teamsters' joint council includes the following points: The strikers are to be reinstated wherever vacancies occur, except that the employers will not consider applications of men convicted of violence or violation of the law; the settlement does not include the express company's business; the strikers are to be reinstated wherever vacancies occur, except that the employers will not consider applications of men convicted of violence or violation of the law; the settlement does not include the express company's business; the strikers are to be reinstated wherever vacancies occur, except that the employers will not consider applications of men convicted of violence or violation of the law; the settlement does not include the express company's business.

### Express Companies' Decision.

Formal conclusion of peace in the teamsters' strike followed today upon the efforts of President C. P. Shea and Assistant A. J. Reed to secure terms of peace from the former employees of the railway express companies, all other matters in controversy being referred to the joint council. The express companies, however, to communicate with the officers in New York as to possible concession.

### KILLED BY TRAIN.

Veteran Yard Conductor Meets Death at Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, May 20.—Struck by a Pittsburg flyer as he was walking on the Pennsylvania railroad tracks at 52d street station, Charles Munton, 1502 Wanamaker street, was hurled against a trolley pier this morning and instantly killed. The engineer of the train knew nothing of the accident till he reached Broad street station, when his attention was called to a spattering of blood on the pilot of the locomotive. Munton, who was forty-two years old, was a veteran yard conductor at the Park shops of the Pennsylvania railroad, which are situated near Horticultural Hall.

### Negroes Wrought Up.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 20.—The negroes here are considerably wrought up over what they term the reckless shooting of members of their race by policemen. During the past two weeks three negroes have been shot by officers, two of whom have died.

### Bloodhounds After Negro.

BRIDGEPORT, Ohio, May 20.—Bloodhounds are after Charles Feldsman, a negro, who shot Conductor Chaney of the Bridgeport traction line early today. The conductor had put Feldsman off the car and he began throwing rocks at the car, striking the engine and the conductor. As the car returned from the end of the line the negro opened fire on the conductor with a shotgun and killed him.

### "St. Louis Purchase" Suits.

ST. LOUIS, May 20.—More than three hundred suits were filed today by the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company to collect stock subscriptions aggregating \$30,000. Among the suits was one against Former Mayor Henry Ziegenhein, for \$5,000, which it is alleged he subscribed.

### Consolidation of Colleges.

MOUNT STERLING, Ky., May 20.—An arrangement has been made whereby the Southern Methodist College at Paintsville, Johnson county, and the Methodist college at Ashland will be consolidated, the latter college being moved to Paintsville. This will make Paintsville the leading Methodist educational center of the south. New buildings will be erected to cost \$5,000.



## THE "STAND-PATTERS"

A POLICY OF SILENCE NOW BEING ADOPTED.

Word has been passed around among the "stand-patters" to cease talking about the Panama canal proposition of the administration. This policy of silence is being adopted in the hope that the whole thing may die out.

The announcement that the administration would not make canal purchases abroad for the present does not relieve them very much, except that it serves to allay public interest in the case for the present. The issue will have to be met when Congress convenes and then the bogey man will stalk again.

The tariff revisionists say that it makes no difference whether the stand-patters talk or keep silent, or whether the canal commission buys now or later, the deed is done and the attention of the nation is called to the necessity of revising the tariff. They intend to keep hammering away at the subject, they say, so that by the time Congress meets the country will be tired of revision.

It is an ill wind that blows nobody good, and in the meantime the advocates of the canal are being driven to the wall by the canal revisionists. No feature of the case has seemed to cause a greater outcry than the proposition to use foreign bottoms in canal service. It is said, however, that the incident has served to draw attention to the necessity of doing something to build up the merchant marine, and the boomers expect to get action at the next session of Congress.

It will be recalled that a congressional commission reported at the last session of Congress a comprehensive plan in aid of the rebuilding of the merchant marine, but no action was taken. There is strong opposition in the west to any form of ship subsidy and that opposition is strongest in quarters where tariff revision is most rampant. The canal revisionists are so outraged at the necessity for going abroad to buy ships that some action can be forced at the coming session.

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## SECRETARY HAY'S PLANS.

Will Finish Cure at Bad Nauheim and Return Home.

BAD NAUHEIM, Germany, May 20.—Secretary Hay will have finished the prescribed cure next week and leave Bad Nauheim May 27 for Paris. Thence he will go to London and will sail for New York on the White Star Line steamer Baltic, leaving Liverpool June 7. The Secretary intended to go to Berlin, but Prof. Groenland advised against the trip toward London. While in Paris Mr. Hay will call on Foreign Minister Delcasse, and probably will be received by President Loubet. These calls will be social, for no international business will be discussed seriously.

Secretary Hay has sent word to the American embassy in Paris that he regrets that he will be unable to accept invitations while there. That will also be his course in London. Mr. Hay will go direct to Washington from New York and remain at the State Department until the President leaves for the summer. Then the Secretary will go to New Hampshire.

### CORNER STONE EXERCISES.

Governor Warfield and Party at Gaithersburg.

Special Dispatch to the Star.
 GAITHERSBURG, Md., May 20.—Gov. Warfield arrived here from Baltimore shortly before 11 o'clock today. He was met at the station by Mayor Ward, Rev. T. J. Lambert, pastor of Grace M. E. Church South, and a delegation of prominent business men. Taking carriages in waiting, the party was escorted through the principal streets by the Travilah brass band, and at noon were tendered a dinner at the Masonic Temple by the ladies. The governor held a reception at 2 o'clock on the steps of the public school building. On Frederick avenue he addressed several thousand people, inaugurating the formal exercises incident to laying the corner stone of the new Grace M. E. Church South, to be built in this place. It will cost \$15,000.

### KING'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Edward's Carriage Run Into by Team Coming Behind.

Special Telegram to the Star.
 LONDON, May 20.—While leaving the Newmarket race course on Thursday in a carriage on his way toward the town, King Edward had a narrow escape from injury. The royal carriage was in a stream of other vehicles, when an automobile caused a sudden stoppage. The driver of the king's carriage promptly pulled up, but the driver of a vehicle that was close behind with five men in it was not quick enough, with the result that the nose of his horse struck the king violently in the back, when the horse in which were the five men became restive and attempted to climb into the carriage by placing his forefeet upon the back of it. All this caused a great commotion, which lasted some minutes. Finally the vehicles were disentangled and went on their way. The king was not injured.

### Presbyterians at Winona Lake.

WINONA LAKE, Ind., May 20.—The Nassau, N. Y., Presbytery has presented to the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church an overture asking the substitution of a brief statement of faith for the Westminster confession. The overture has been sent to committee.

### American Baptist Missionary Union.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 20.—Reports of committees and miscellaneous business occupied the opening hours of today's session of the American Baptist Missionary Union.

### Sighted Yacht Apache.

Special Dispatch to the Star.
 NEW YORK, May 20.—The steamship Princess Alice, which arrived this morning from Bremen and Cherbourg, reports that she passed yesterday, the 19th, the American bark-rigged yacht Apache, steering east under full canvas. The yacht's position was latitude 40.42, longitude 68.05, about sixty-five miles east of Nantucket.

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Burglars Shoot Watchman at Raleigh, N. C.

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## COL. ISRAEL KIRK DEAD

PROMINENT RESIDENT OF THE CITY EXPIRES SUDDENLY.

Col. Israel E. Kirk, prominent in official and G. A. R. circles in this city, was found dead this morning in the bath room of his apartments in the Lincoln, 111 1/2 street southeast. The news of his sudden taking off came as a shock and a surprise to his numerous associates and friends, who had last seen him apparently in the best health and spirits.

A colored servant said Colonel Kirk went out of the house about 7 o'clock last night and came back at 9 o'clock. He then went to the bath room to take a bath, presumably getting in readiness to attend an outing and shad bake at Marshall Hall today under the auspices of his post of the Grand Army. When the bath room was opened he was dead, as stated.

Colonel Kirk was about sixty-five years of age and was a past commander of Burnside Post, No. 8, G. A. R., and was prominent in the affairs of that organization. He was for many years a special examiner of the pension bureau, but latterly was employed in the bureau here. He was also a member of a lodge of Masons at Kokomo, Ind., and Colonel Keefer, a friend of the deceased, has telegraphed to the lodge to know if the burial shall be with Masonic rites.

The deceased served throughout the war as a member of Company E, 12th Indiana Regiment. Part of the time he served under Capt. Wright, who is now employed in the army division of the pension office, where Col. Kirk was employed for a number of years. Mrs. Kirk was the widow of the late Col. Kirk, who is in business in Chicago, and she is in the city here. She is ninety-five years old.

Capt. Wright took charge of the body of the deceased, and will communicate with relatives of the deceased before making the funeral arrangements. It is probable that the body will be taken to the Indiana town for interment.

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# AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Date of Morton's Retirement Not Yet Fixed.

## RESTS WITH PRESIDENT

THE SECRETARY DESIRES TO LEAVE JULY 1.

Private Secretary Loeb Mentioned as a Possible Selection for the Cabinet.

Secretary Morton's retirement from the cabinet is not definitely fixed, and may not be for a few weeks. The head of the navy was at the White House today. It is understood that he desired to retire as soon as possible, and that July 1 is the time he prefers. The date, however, will depend upon the President, who is disposed to hold Mr. Morton as long as possible. Mr. Morton has reached an understanding with the President that he shall be allowed to sever his connection with the administration not later than September 1.

It was known a short time ago that Mr. Morton wanted to leave the cabinet by early fall, and this was stated exclusively in The Star. The receipt of a number of business offers decided him to ask the President to be allowed to go earlier, and he fixed upon July 1, because that is the beginning of the fiscal year and is a good time to make a change in a department. Included among the offers are some from business concerns outside of railroads, but the Sante Fe road will probably make an opening for Mr. Morton if he desires to return to the service.

Secretary Metcalf has no intention of resigning as head of the Department of Commerce and Labor and is preparing to rent a house in Washington. It is shown by a source close to him that he is pleased with his work and that he has no idea of leaving it.

As Secretary Morton's successor, there is much speculation, but nothing certain. William Loeb, private secretary to the President, is looked upon by many as a likely choice. Mr. Loeb is a lawyer, and while, but others who know how close he is associated with the President in the work of the White House do not believe the account. Mr. Loeb would care to wait higher honors upon his efficient chief of staff. If Mr. Loeb cares to enter the cabinet, he will be expected to do so by the President in a year or so, but if his tastes run in other directions the President will not be unkind of them before he goes to office.

### Studying the Rival Fleets.

The President's interest in the prospective battle between the Russian and Japanese fleets in the eastern waters is shown by a talk he had today with Secretary Morton and Capt. Seaton Schroeder, chief of the bureau of naval intelligence. Capt. Schroeder had prepared an interesting document on the relative strength and qualities of the opposing fleets. The President spent some time in a study of the figures.

The President today received the delegates to the A. M. E. Zion conference, who have been in session here. The delegates were accompanied by their wives and friends. Among those in the party were